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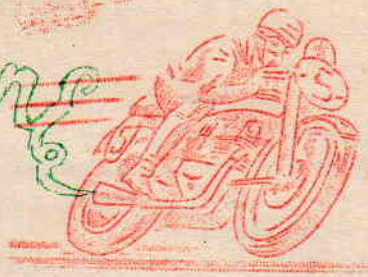

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Hello Again Members,

Well once more it is a pleasure to be back "jacking up" MEGAPHONE for you. There has been some change in the staff, just as there has been a change in our Committee, all for the better we hope, but, we want you all to fully understand. This newsletter of yours, MEGAPHONE can only be as good as you wish it to be. If we the Staff cannot get the information from you then it does not get printed. Keep MEGAPHONE informed and we will certainly pass it on to the rest of the Clubs' Members. Finally, we thank you for electing us to this job and trust that MEGAPHONE gives as much pleasure and interest to Members throughout the coming year as we have heard it has during the past years.

GOOD LUCK AND VERY GOOD SAFE COMPETITIVE RIDING TO YOU ALL.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our Annual General showed up its usual, those realy keen interested Members who feel that the business of the Club for the succeeding year is of sufficient importance to make a point of being there. There were none of the believed disturbances which were alledged to be goint to "high light" the meeting. Being the first Pioneer Annual General I had been to I would say it went off exceptionally smoothly.

It was with very great pleasure that the assembly elected three LIFE MEMBERS to its ranks:-

Angus Laurenson, (now of Timaru) a Member who I think held almost every possible office in the Club other than President.

George Bennett, a past Secretary and staunch Official for some years.

John Courage, Rangiora. A man whose having attained 20 years with the Club a

George Sheard, another who during the years has done sterling work in many phases for PIONEER.

sufficient achivement in itself.

It is very pleasing to see these three elected to Life Membership, because it is indeed a very honourable mention. Any member who can stay with a Club and not fall by the wayside as many do, over the required period of time, is truly a person of standing.

A Motion was tabled and passed to come into force as from the next financial year. "That the qualifing age for Senior Membership of the Club be 21 years of age, or over"

The Election of Officers resulted in:-

PATRON.:- F.R.Jones. PRESIDENT.:- D.Soanes.
VICE-PRESIDENTS.:- A.W.Bond.: L.France.:
HON.SEC. D.M.Taylor. HON. TREASURER.:- G.F.Kearton.
CAPTAIN.:- R.Pierson. VICE-CAPTAIN.:- G.Stuthridge.
COMMITTEE.:- N.Turner.: F.B.Spensley.: R.W.Parker.: A.Luxton.: R.Wing.: J.P.Kennedy.:H.Beattie.: V.Rush.

MEGAPHONE, and the Club extend a welcome to new Committee Members:- Vic Rush, J.Kennedy and R.Wing and Allan Luxton.

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N.Z.MOTOR WORLD. To those who have only just joined the Club, it may be of interest to know that a Subscription to the N.Z. MOTOR WORLD can be had by advising our Secretary and enclosing an extra 4/- to their Subscription.

The Motor World is the Official Magazine of the Motor Organizations and is quite a satisfactory and useful publication.

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NAVAGATION TRIAL: A Navagation Trial was held on Sunday July the 8th. and although only 12 Riders faced the starter and quite a few were well tangled up until the lunch stop, an excellent time was had by all. It was apparent that there was room for improvement on both sides,but the ultimate decision was a most popular win. The first man home being new Club Member E.Hughes on his new Matchless. Possibly most unfortunate pair on the day were G.Bradley and passenger whose BSA landed them away out at Lake Ellesmere when they should have been at Burnham. They had been so "spot"on with their calculations all day.

There will be many interesting tales told of this navagation trial for some time yet we are sure.

Another will be held soon.

Final Results were:-

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| E.Hughes. Matchless. | 140 Points | Lost: |
| D.Thornton. BSA. | 154 Points | " : |
| S.Harrison. Velocette. | 158 Points | " : |
| P.Wells. BSA. | 175 Points | " : |
| A.Good. Ariel. | 183 Points | " : |
| V.Rush. BSA. | 202 Points | " : |
| G.Bradley. BSA. | 224 Points | " : |
| M.Monk. Triumph. | 288 Points | " : |
| M.Thomson James. | 325 Points | " : |
| L.Williams. Francis Barnett | 332 Points | Lost: |

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FILM EVENING: Our last Film Evening was a reasonable success, an excellent series of films were shown and the crowd showed that the Film Evenings should not be discontinued when they turn-ed up in full support. We trust that this support will continue.

On Thursday September 2nd. in Hay's Tearooms at 8pm. sharp; we will definatly be showing the full length Motorcycling film of the Speedway. This is the film "ONCE A JOLLY SWAGMAN", it has been very popular when shown in the theatres, and we hope that as it had been asked for by Club Members the Club would gather along on Thursday night in a real flock. There is a good solid cast of actors and the plot and theme is very sound, with plenty of speedway action shots and thrilling excitement.

This is THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND. IN HAY'S TEAROOMS AT 8PM SHARP.

REMEMBER THAT WILL BE NEXT THURSDAY.

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NEW ZEALAND RECORD SPEED ATTEMPTS: The time, the date and the place have now all been jacked up and by all accounts this should be a great day, both for the Rider and the Spectator.

September 18th. at Boy's Tram Road Swannannoa: that is turn left after crossing the Waimak River, on about 3 miles to the railway crossing then about 2 miles on to the Swannannoa School and the next X road is the start of the 3 mile closed section. The road will be closed from 7am. till 4pm. though we do not expect to be operating very long after lunch. The first timed run is at 7AM. SHARP. and if all is well it is to be Bobbie Burns in his HRD VINCENT BURNS SPECIAL. Bobbie will be attacking both the Open Sidecar and the Open Solo. Wright from Invercargil on the new HRD Vincent "Black Lightening" will attack the Open Record. J.P.Kennedy will attack the 350cc and 500cc on his two new NORTONS. G.Harris will attempt to break his own 125cc record , again on the EMC. T.Simpson on his BSA will attack his own 250cc record. At the same time provision is made for entries on the day for a

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Rider who may wish to find out his correct speed. In all cases, Club Certificates will be issued, giving their speed and times of each run. Entry one the day will be 5/-. Record attem--pt entries are £2. per class,per machine.

Timing is by an absolutly new method and is being done for us by the D.S.I.R. Institute, just the very latest equipment. Whilst the actual control of the course will be done by four radio stations at specific points.

Entries have not yet closed for the actual Record attempts but we expect further entries in various classes yet to come.

Club Member Bob Burns(who has asked us to put on this day) has done already 130mph with his sidecar outfit and without the "shell" fitted. He is expecting to gear for 155mph at 6000revs, does anyone think he is to ambitious, if the weather treats us right ?. I think he will give everyone a surprise.

Make a point of seeing this extra special attempt, At TRAM RD. SWANNANNOA OHOKA SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH. FIRST TIMED RUN AT 7PM SHARP: IT IS EXPECTED TO BE BOBBIE BURNS ON HIS VINCENT SPECIAL ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THE N.Z. RECORD AND GETTING MIGHTY CLOSE TO THE WORLD'S SIDECAR RECORD.

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TULLET MEMORIAL TRIAL: October 3rd. is the date tentativly set out for the Tullet Memorial Trial and as this is Brighton's weekend we trust to luck. Brighton has said that we can have either the SAT. or the Sun. of that weekend for the Tullett Trial. Thanks very much New Brighton,thats a fine gesture.

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ANNUAL CLUB OPENING RUN TO WAIHORA PARK. The Opening Run this year will again be at Waihora Park. A Navagation Trial will be held leaving the Club Rooms in the morning and ending up at the Park for lunch. This Trial will be for both Cars and Motorcycles. Then the usual Gymkhana events in the afternoon.

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ANNUAL DANCE AND PRIZEGIVING. The Pioneer Annual Dance and Prizegiving is being held in the STARETTA HALL, WILSONS RD. on OCTOBER 1ST.: Tickets or should we say INVITATIONS have already been printed and are obtainable at Bond & Hockley's, Velvin & Henderson's or Adam's. If you cannot get them there ask one of the Club Committee Members. A good orchestra has been "jacked up" and with the usual"refreshments plus", a good time is expected by all.

REMEMBER THE REBATE FOR YOUR PRESENT SUB. ENDS ON THE 30TH. SEPT.

Cheerio, PIONEER.